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FROM: Tegucigalpa

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 403, April 17, 2 p.m.

Re EMBTEL 402

Undersecretary Foreign Office brought up McIlwaine matter this morning. Said Honduras considers border marking will never be completed without presence neutral member. Hopes McIlwaine himself will be continued on, but if not (repeat not) some other IAGS officer. Estimates one year more needed. Embassy recommends compliance request.

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Re Department airgram G-38 just received here today.

Honduran Government was informed by IAGS Panama March 20 that MacIlwaine not available after April 30. No approach made to Embassy thereafter. Since apparently no further communication from Honduran Embassy Washington since February 26 Honduran Government seems to be letting matter rest. However in Embassy's opinion highly desirable that IAGS representative be present during actual demarcation operation in order that work proceed promptly. Suggest replacement be sent for MacIlwaine provided Honduran Government so desires.

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Department is in receipt of a note dated February 26 from the Honduran Embassy here conveying GOH request that Robert R. MacIlwayne of the Inter-American Geodetic Survey, who has been acting as "Mediator-Commissioner" on Honduras-Nicaragua Joint Boundary Commission, be left in Honduras, presumably until termination present demarcation operation of Commission. Note says Honduran Delegates consider his continued services indispensable.

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IAGS informs Department that technical phase of demarcation operation for which MacIlwayne's services were made available has been completed and that he is needed elsewhere and hence is to be transferred April 30. IAGS indicated however would give consideration to any views Department might express recommending against transfer.

Department understands Embassy has not been inclined urge cancellation MacIlwayne's transfer, however in view importance GOH note apparently ascribes to his retention Department requests Embassy's comment by telegraph prior April 15 when Department plans send reply to Honduran note.

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